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DEPT FOR HERTER; OES PASS TO EPA FOR TRAIN AND GREEN

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TAGS: SENV, OVIP, GW (HARTKOPF, GUENTER)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF HARTKOPF, DEPUTY TO MINISTER OF
INTERIOR

1. SUMMARY: HARTKOPF PLANS VISIT TO US IN JUNE 1976.
WOULD APPRECIATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS AND CONFIRMATION
OF INVITATION ASAP. END SUMMARY.

2. STAATSEKRETAER GUENTER HARTKOPF,
FRG MINISTER OF INTERIOR, INVITED EMBASSY'S S&T
US. HARTKOPF WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT AN INFORMAL INVITA-
TION EXTENDED BY EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN. HARTKOPF
WISHES TO VISIT DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 14 - JUNE
25, 1976, FOLLOWING THE UN HABITAT CONFERENCE IN
VANCOUVER. ONLY THESE END DATES ARE FIRM. HARTKOPF
WOULD BE FREE TO CHANGE HIS ITINERARY TO ACCEPT ANY US
SUGGESTIONS.

3. HARTKOPF'S STAFF HAS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING
PROGRAM:

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JUNE 14 SAN FRANCISCO, REGIONAL OFFICE EPA

REGION IX

JUNE 15 SAN FRANCISCO: CLAY STATION, RANCHO SECO,
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
JUNE 16 LAS VEGAS: EPA NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
RESEARCH CENTER
JUNE 18 CHICAGO: EPA REGIONAL OFFICE, REGION V
JUNE 19 OR 2L-CINCINNATI: EPA NATIONAL ENVIRON-
MENTAL CENTER
JUNE 22-24 WASHINGTON,D.C.: EPA, CEQ, ERDA, NRC,
STATE, INTERIOR, TRANSPORTATION
JUNE 25 NEW YORK: INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR POWER
PLANT
JUNE 25 RETURN TO FRG.

4. HARTKOPF'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDES ENVIRON-
MENTAL PROTECTION, THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES
AND RADIATION PROTECTION. HE HAS SERVED AS LEADER OF
THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO MOST OF THE NATO/CCMS PLENARY
MEETINGS AND KNOWS TRAIN, HERTER, DOT UNDERSECRETARY
BARNUM AND OTHER SENIOR US OFFICIALS WELL. THE ITINER-
ARY PROPOSED BY THE MINISTRY STAFF INCLUDES TWO NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS -- ONE NEW AND ONE LARGE -- TO REFLECT
HARTKOPF'S INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE
REGULATORY ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR POWER. HE WOULD LIKE TO
DISCUSS WITH DOT OFFICIALS QUESTIONS OF NOISE POLLUTION,
I.E. AIRCRAFT AND TRAFFIC NOISE. AT ERDA, HE WOULD
WISH TO DISCUSS RESOURCE PLANNING, WHICH FALLS UNDER
HIS MINISTRY. AT NRC, REGULATORY MATTERS, INCLUDING
THE NEW US - FRG ARRANGEMENT FOR COOPERATION. PHYSICAL

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SECURITY AND SITING OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES WOULD ALSO BE AN INTERESTING TOPIC FOR HIS VISITS TO THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AND TO ERDA AND NRC. AT THE EPA RESEARCH CENTERS HE WOULD HOPE TO DISCUSS AIR PURIFICATION TOPICS (CINCINNATI) AND AUTO EXHAUST PROBLEMS (SAN FRANCISCO). US SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE WELCOME.

5. WHEN AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM HAS BEEN AGREED UPON, HARTKOPF WOULD APPRECIATE A WRITTEN INVITATION FOR HIS VISIT TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG WILL PAY ALL COSTS, OF COURSE; HE SEEKS ONLY A CONFIRMATION FROM HIS US HOST THAT ALL IS WELL.

6. FRG EMBASSY NOT RPT NOT YET INFORMED. HARTKOPF PREFERS COMPLETE THESE VISIT ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH US CHANNELS BEFORE CONTACTING GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE. HIS ENGLISH IS LIMITED AND HE WILL SEEK INTERPRETER ASSISTANCE FROM GERMAN CONSULATES AND THE FRG EMBASSY AT MOST POINTS, ALTHOUGH THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT AT LAS VEGAS AND CINCINNATI.

7. EMBASSY COMMENT: THIS PENDING VISIT OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF ONE OF GERMANY'S MOST SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICERS ABOUT RELEVANT US PROGRAMS AND TO ENCOURAGE HIS SUPPORT FOR US BILATERAL AND MULTI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATERAL INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES. WE URGE THAT APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES RESPOND POSITIVELY WITH PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMEND THAT THESE BE PASSED THROUGH AMERICAN EMBASSY CHANNELS AT PRESENT. WHEN A PROGRAM HAS BEEN AGREED UPON, HARTKOPF WOULD THEN APPRECIATE A PERSONAL LETTER FROM HIS FRIEND, ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN, TO CONFIRM THE INVITATION. NOTE: HARTKOPF EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTY THAT ONCE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO TRAVEL BY AIR. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE ASAP.
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